



http://idph.iowa.gov/health-statistics



Each year in Iowa, about 40,000 babies are born, another 30,000 Iowans die, and 20,000 people decide to get married. Who keeps track of all these people? The IDPH Bureau of Health Statistics does. Vital records data has been kept in Iowa since 1880 and every person who was born, died, or got married since then is on file at IDPH.

Statistical data isn't just interesting trivia. It's important information that can be used to analyze and report on health trends and issues. It is also the basis for virtually all of the research conducted in the social sciences such as economics, political science, and sociology. These records are also required to prove eligibility for many programs and services, such as a driver's license, passport, or Medicaid.

Much of Iowa's health history can be told through the "numbers" and the Bureau of Health Statistics helps ensure they "add up" to a healthier future.

Did You know? Health Statistics are provided to public health research projects approved by the Research and Ethics Review Committee. Data are provided from Iowa records and from the national file maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics, which is a compilation of all state data files.

Why are Health Statistics important to protecting and improving the health of Iowans?

- Health data is used to monitor trends in health and health care, identify health problems, and measure the effectiveness of public health programs.
- Health data is used to measure progress toward meeting the goals of public health and programs.
- Vital records are needed to determine eligibility for many programs and services. For instance, a birth certificate is required for a driver's license or passport and provides proof of citizenship.
- Health statistics help us understand the health of lowans, including disparities in health and the use of health care by different people.
- Health statistics help leaders decide where resources are needed and how they can best be used. Statistics also provide a measure of a program's success.

What do we do?

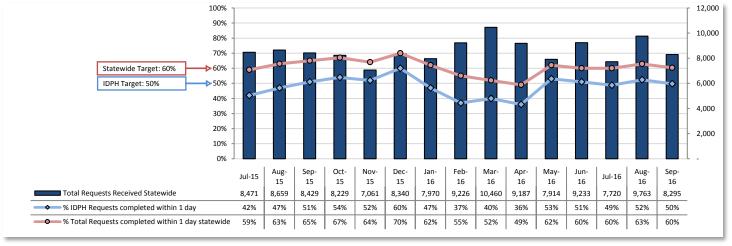
- Provide data to local, state, and national public health agencies so they can plan and measure the effectiveness of programs and make decisions about the use of resources.
- Provide data to state agencies to help them conduct their official duties.
- Provide certified copies of birth, death, and marriage records to lowans and other entitled people to establish eligibility for many benefits, including U.S. citizenship.
- Provide a database to monitor progress on health objectives, identify emerging health issues, and support policy development.

▶ Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

Strengthen the health infrastructure

Publish the annual Vital Statistics of Iowa and Vital Statistics in Brief.

• Percent of certified copy requests completed within one day.



Data Source: Iowa Vital Events System.

How are we doing? The lowa Vital Events System was established in 2014 with a goal to improve statewide access to vital records. This system allows the state registrar and county registrars access to electronic vital records and improve efficiency in processing and turn time.

- > The number of certified copy requests received by the Bureau of Health Statistics in FY16 was 65,128; 47% of those requests were processed within one business day. The total number of certified copy requests received statewide in FY16 was 103,179; 60% of those requests were processed within 1 business day.
- The number of certified copy requests received by the Bureau of Health Statistics in the first quarter of FY17 was 15,687; 50% percent of those requests were processed within one business day. The total number of certified copy requests received statewide in the first guarter of FY17 was 25,778; 61% of those requests were processed within 1 business day.
- Our goal at IDPH is to process 50% of all requests received within one business day. The goal statewide is to process 60% of requests within one business day.

What can Iowans do to help?

- 1. All lowans can learn about health trends by accessing health statistic information. For information on health trends, go to http://idph.iowa.gov/health-statistics.
- 2. All lowans can find out how to obtain vital records. For more information on health trends, go to http://idph.iowa.gov/health-statistics.
- 3. Data providers can work with the Bureau of Health Statistics to report accurate and complete data efficiently.
- 4. Data providers can work with the Bureau of Health Statistics to collect data in standard formats and with standard processes.

Expenditures

Federal funds, retained fees*, and other fees*: 0153-0456/AR22; 0024-0024/1024/1026

	State Fiscal Year 2015 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2016 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2017 Estimate
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal funds	\$1,052,329	\$790,071	\$712,385
Other funds*	\$2,962,161	\$3,282,324	\$3,757,100
Total funds	\$4,014,490	\$4,072,395	\$4,469,485
FTEs	25.88	25.12	26.95

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.